

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Existing Facilities

Selma's municipal building or town hall is a typical New England type town hall, but with the clock and steeple missing. It is located adjacent to the main business street and is hemmed into very close quarters by other buildings. There is no open space around it to compliment its architecture nor does it have ample parking for use of persons doing business there.

The building was designed to house the town offices, the police station, the fire station, and a community auditorium. The primary functions were located on the first floor and the auditorium was located on the second. Today this building has been outgrown by the functions it was intended to house and the auditorium, being no longer safe for public meetings or any other use, has been turned over to the pigeons.

Standards

A. Site and Location

A municipal building should be located near the central business district where it will be easily accessible to the people. The central area usually contains the other governmental offices of the community, the State, etc. By locating in an area where other governmental agencies may be located, there can be convenient interrelationships and activities between each agency.

The site upon which the building is to be located, should be large enough to permit future expansion of the building and to provide adequate parking for both the municipal employees and for the efficient conduct of the public business. In addition, the site should provide adequate open space to enhance its architectural characteristics and increase its symbolic meaning for the town's people.

B. Size

The size of a municipal building may vary greatly according to the specific needs of the community. Selma's needs are fairly simple and yet demanding. The